

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Takashi Hiroi et al.

Application No.: Unassigned

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For: A CIRCUIT PATTERN
INSPECTION METHOD AND
APPARATUS

Examiner: Unassigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced divisional application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-33, 56-65, and 70-82 without prejudice. Claims 34-55 and 66-69 are pending.

REMARKS

Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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